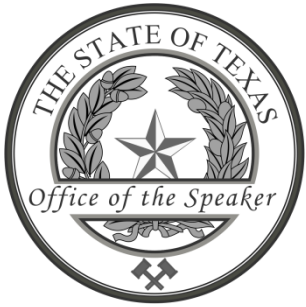


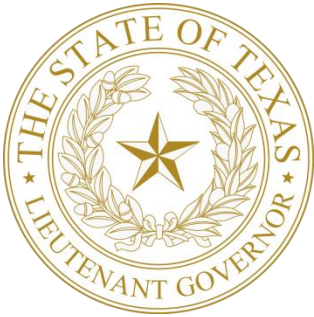
## Speakers of the House of Representatives, 1846-present



This is a list of the sixty seven Speakers since Ol' Bill Crump in our first session in 1846. Each of us has our own stories and experience in working with the Presiding Officer of the House. We are privileged to have former Speakers **Ben Barnes, Tom Craddick, Pete Laney, Gib Lewis** and **Joe Straus** in our group. Does anyone know of other former Speakers that might wish to join us?

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## Lt. Governors of Texas, 1846-present



This is a list of the forty three Lt. Governor's since 1846. We are privileged to have three former Lt. Governor's in our group; **Ben Barns, David Dewhurst** and **Bill Hobby**. Does anyone know of other former Lt. Governors that might wish to join us?

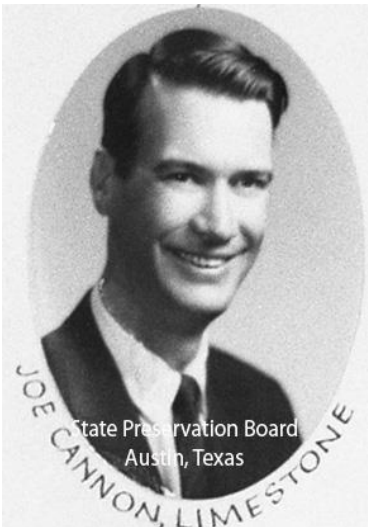
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# IN MEMORIAM

## Requiescat in pace

"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He has me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside the still waters. He revives my soul; He guides me on paths of righteousness for His glory. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no harm, For you are with me ... Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, And I shall abide in the house of the Lord forever.

- Psalm 23



Rep. Joe Cannon

b. 1-29-35 d. 2-8-2022

<https://www.blair-stubbs.com/obituaries/joe-cannon>



# MEMBERS RECOVERING

After one year it appears that our colleagues who were injured or with illness, are recovering and doing as well as could be expected. Please keep Bennie Bock, Judge Nowlin; Mark Stiles and Barry Telford in your thoughts as we try to emerge from this pandemic. Chairman Bennie Bock was to have surgery last Tuesday morning at Houston Methodist for an issue that blocks the blood flow to the artery in one of his legs. The surgeons decided they could not do the surgery. Bennie is otherwise doing well and at the office. Thoughts and prayers your way guys!

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please join me in welcoming our former House colleagues, Eddie Cavazos and Jim Keffer.



Rep. Eddie Cavazos



Rep. James L. "Jim" Keffer

<https://lrl.texas.gov/legLeaders/members/lrlhome.cfm>

# CAPITOL HIDDEN SPACES GALLERY

This is a very interesting site on the State Preservation Board website that shows pictures of areas not seen by the general public. Of particular interest is the Subterranean Vault used as an office by Rep. Joe Allen of Baytown.

<https://tspb.texas.gov/prop/tc/tc-hidden-spaces/index.html>



## Dome Boy's Blog



We got some great comments from the Feb. 7 newsletter concerning “family dynasties” or generations of families that served in the legislature. Chancellor Lee Jackson noted: Rep., Sen., U.S. Rep. Jim Turner and his son John, an incumbent member of the House. Also, the Canales family; Jose Tomas in the early 1900s from Brownsville, Terry Canales -two terms in 1973 from Alice, his son Terry from Edinburg, 2013 to the present; and his sister Gabby in 2002. Also Ambassador Untermeyer noted that the Library of Congress has a biographical roster of everyone who ever served in Congress.

<https://bioguide.congress.gov/search>

Speaking of Ambassador Untermeyer, I recall that many years ago, after we took our oath of office, the next day, Chase and I were invited to lunch by another future Ambassador – Tom Schieffer. We went someplace near 38<sup>th</sup> & N. Lamar. If I had only known then, the two guys I was having lunch with would someday be managing our nation’s affairs in faraway places. Thanks guys!

Well, until next time! MM

Mike

## Top Five Songs of the 1980s

**Like a Prayer – Madonna**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79fzeNUqQbQ>

**Everybody Wants to Rule the World – Tears For Fears**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGCdLKXNF3w>

**Every Breath You Take – The Police**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMOGaugKpzs>

**Beat It – Michael Jackson**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oRdxUFDQe0>

**Livin’ On A Prayer – Bon Jovi**

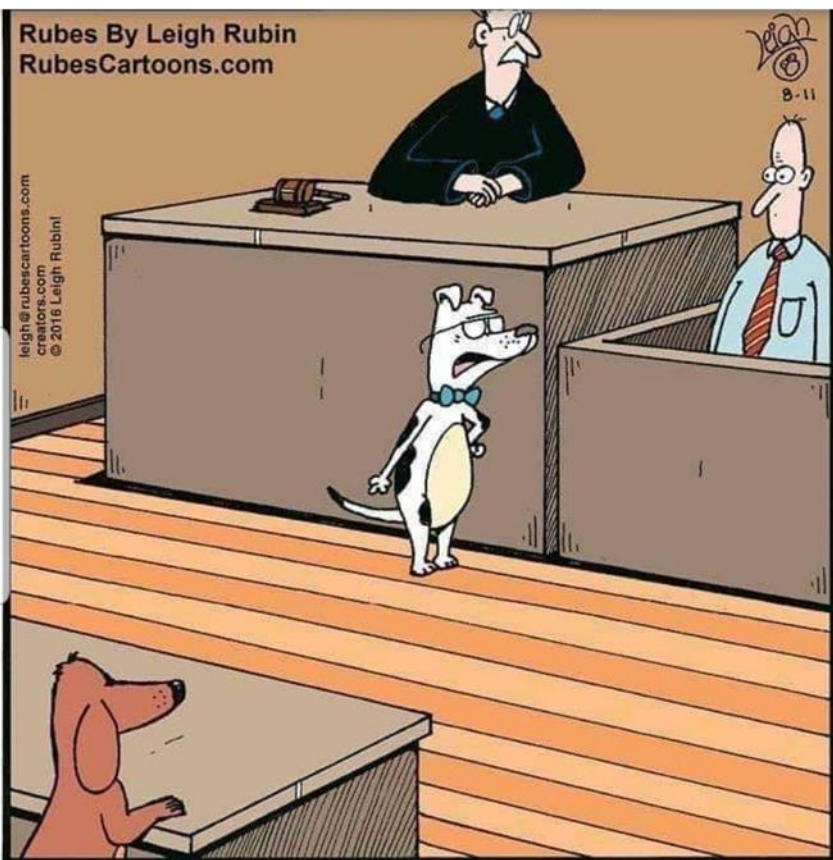
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDK9Qqlzhwk>

I had almost forgotten what 1980s music was like. A subcommittee of Gib Lewis, Mike Millsap and Charlie Evans would have probably voted this song our “fave” of the 80s.

**George Strait – Does Ft. Worth Ever Cross Your Mind?**

<https://video.search.yahoo.com/search/video?fr=mcafee&ei=UTF-8&p=youtube+does+ft+worth+ever+cross+your+mind&type=E211US105G91557#id=48&vid=b420a51c89e2550d990d38057a06ddaa&action=click>





**"For the last time, Mr. Perkins, did you or did you not emit a particularly foul odor in front of dinner guests and then attempt to pin the blame on my client? ... And may I remind you, sir, that you are still under oath?"**



Delwin, we miss you and your emery boards!



## On this day in history, March 2

1793 – 229 years ago Sam Houston - the only person in history to be Gov. of two states and Pres. of a country is born in Virginia.

1836 - Texas declares independence from Mexico

1877- Rutherford B. Hayes (R) declared winner of the presidential election with an electoral vote of 185-184 against Samuel J. Tilden (D). Tilden did not say stop the steal.

1899 - Territory of Arkansas organized

1903 - Martha Washington Hotel, catering to women only, opens in NYC.

1922 - WBAP-AM begins broadcasting in Ft. Worth, Tx.

1925 - Nationwide road numbering system adopted.

1933 - King Kong premieres

1939 - Eugenio Pacelli chosen as Pope Pius XII.

1946 - Ho Chi Minh elected President of North Vietnam.

1962 - Wilt Chamberlain scores 100 points.

1965 - The Sound of Music is released.

1966 - 215,000 U.S. troops in Vietnam.

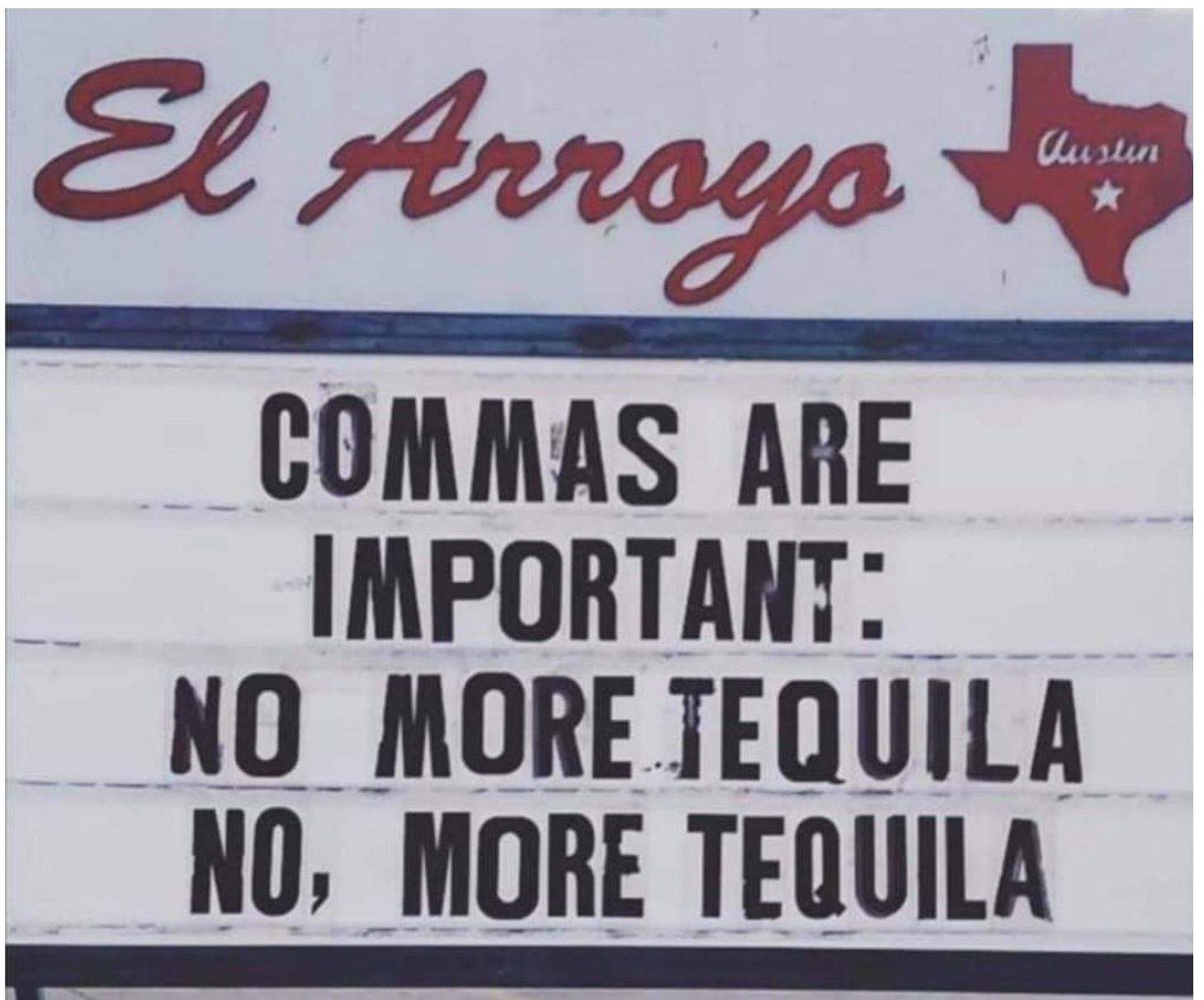
1974 - 1st class postage raised to .10 from 08.

1977 - Future host Jay Leno debuts on Tonight Show with Johnny Carson.

1983 - Compact Disc (CD) developed by Sony.

2002 - U.S. invades Afghanistan.

2014 - Putin receives unanimous approval from Russian



## *Sam Houston*

By James L. Haley

In Haley's beautifully written, detailed book on our most famous former Governor, he details a conversation that Houston has after the 1854 session when he was a U.S. Senator, with his pastor Rufus C. Burleson, the President of Baylor University. Houston, a presidential aspirant, predicts what will happen to the union given the politics of the day.

...occasionally, he even talked politics with the minister, and when he returned beaten down by the 1854 session, he told Burleson gloomily that, though his vote against the Kansas-Nebraska bill was the most unpopular he ever cast, it was also the wisest and most patriotic. Douglas of Illinois had "introduced the repeal of the Missouri Compromise to catch the vote of the South. He is now preparing another bill, called 'squatter sovereignty,' to catch the North, and he hopes that the two will place him in the presidential chair." By doing so he opened the Pandora's Box of slavery that had been locked by the Missouri Compromise, and William Seward and the abolitionists were rejoicing. Houston then made one of the predictions that can come only from weary greatness. In 1860, he said, "the Free Soil party, uniting with the Abolitionists, will elect the president of the United States. Then will come the tocsin of war and the clamor for secession...Each section, in profound blindness...will rush madly into war, each anticipating an easy victory. But...what fields of blood, what scenes of horror, what mighty cities in smoke and ruins-it is brother murdering brother...I see my beloved South go down in the unequal contest, in a sea of blood and smoking ruin." He said a military dictatorship would then be established over the blasted South, for which the North "will herself reap the bitter curses...of assassinations." His prescience, in hindsight, was stupefying.'